

REMARKS

The Present Application was submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on 16 June 2006. The Present Application is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 National Phase filing of PCT Patent Application No. PCT/US2005/0029815, which was filed with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) as Receiving Office of the Patent Cooperation Treaty on 22 August 2005. The 35 U.S.C. § 371 National Phase Requirements were completed on 24 July 2007. Additionally, the Present Application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/603,843, filed with the USPTO on 23 August 2004.

By this Response, Independent Claims 1, 8 and 14 have been amended. Accordingly, Claims 1, 3-8, 10-4, 16 and 19-20 remain pending.

In the 09 June 2010 Final Office Communication, the Examiner again rejected Claims 1, 3-4, 7-8, 11-4, 16 and 16 as being anticipated, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), by U.S. Patent No. 7,251,406 to Luo *et al.* ("*Luo*"). Additionally, the Examiner rejected Claims 5-6, 10 and 19-20 as being unpatentable over *Luo* (in which the Examiner took official notice of the limitations in the Claims). These rejections are essentially the same rejections made in the previous Office Communication.

Applicants would initially like to thank the Examiner for his comments in the 09 June 2010 Final Office Communication relating to Applicants's confusion regarding the Examiner's comments in the 16 September 2009 Office Communication. The Examiner's comments went far in clearing up the confusion Applicants's had, as well as to further delineate the Examiner's interpretation of *Luo*.

In light of the Examiner's comments, as well as the rejections set forth in the 09 June 2010 Final Office Communication, Applicants have amended Independent Claims

1, 8 and 14 of the Present Application to require that the side surfaces of the core extend from the top surface to the bottom surface thereof. The amendments also require that the taper of the side surfaces also extends from the top surface to the bottom surface of the core.

In light of the Remarks and Amendments presented herein, Applicants respectfully assert that this Response overcomes the latest rejections, and places the Present Application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants requests as such. Should the Examiner not agree, or have any further questions, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants's undersigned representative.

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